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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Whitman et al.

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CHARACTERISTIC YIELDING A
PLANARIZED THIN FILM SURFACE

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Restriction/Election of Species Requirement of October 10, 2001, the initial period for response to which expires on November 10, 2001.